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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshihiro WATANABE

Serial No. 09/382,458

Group Art Unit: 2661

Confirmation No. 5255

Filed: August 25, 1999

Examiner: Pizarro, R.M.

For: **PATH SETTING CONTROL METHOD AND SWITCHING SYSTEM**

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 4, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on June 4, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A path setting device to secure bandwidth for multiple paths to provide a service from a service provider to a subscriber, comprising:
- means for determining whether a received message is a request message for a first path, the request message including bandwidth information for a plurality of paths set for the service required by the subscriber, where a channel type of each path is different; and
 - means for securing a bandwidth based on the bandwidth information set in the request message for the first path between the service provider and the subscriber in response to receiving the request message for the first path.